



## News from President Des

Many thanks again to Ev for his amazing effort in producing our Barossa SIGNATURE PROJECT film clip. Ev will fill us in on developments.

You will all agree, it was a thought-provoking Anzac Service led by Rob Nitschke, at our last meeting, and also a fantastic rendition of The Last Post by bugler, Elaine Garrett. Well done!

Clem Stanley, Leader Journalist, is busy writing our Kiwanis Barossa 40-year history, for the Winter edition of the Barossa Magazine, due out soon. He decided it would be excellent to include a photo of our current members, with professional photographer, Matt Webster. What a fantastic thought!



Our next challenge is managing the Barossa District Football Gates. Amanda has spent much time in making this easy for us all, to spend a few hours in raising funds for children. So be there, check out the roster, now!!

The Barossa Bonfire on Rob Nitschke's property on May 17, has been cancelled due to lack of numbers, fuel crisis, etc. Thanks to Robert for his preplanning work. There will always be another one, maybe!

On a sad note, our condolences go to Mark Mattner on the passing of his dear brother John, also close friends, Deb, Peter, Mary and Peter. Our thoughts are with you all.



Thanks also for the ongoing food donations for Emergency Meals, and the Cooks, as there certainly is a need out there!!  
Our sun filled days have disappeared, so just enjoy a few colder days and evenings by the fire, Cheers  
Des

## Recent Meetings

Our meetings in April were both warmly received. Bindi Hawkey from CFS gave us some valuable information about where to head in the event of a bushfire. A big thank you to Emeile, who is heavily involved in CFS in the Stockport area and made the initial approach to Bindi. Bindi is also happy to return some time and expand on her presentation.

Our ANZAC commemoration organised by Robert was also well received. It involved a talk by Robert on National Service at the time of the Vietnam war and its impact on those coscripted. He also played a recording of the song "I was only Nineteen". Thanks to Mike for coordinating this. The highlight was the Ode and the Last Post led by Robert and assisted by bugler Elaine Garrett. Several members commented on the powerful rendition by Elaine which set the scene for ANZAC commemorations the next day.



Our first May meeting was a change of pace and a chance to listen to Charter member Aub and his son Darrell talk about their passion - clocks. As usual, Aub was up for a joke to set the scene. "Tonight, we all have a job to do. Darrell and I have a job to make a presentation and you have a job to listen. And I hope that your job doesn't end before my job."

Aub's focus was the early colonial watchmakers and notable clocks while Darrell shared photos of his work



restoring the GPO clock in Victoria Square. After negotiating the narrow old stairs and removing a huge amount of gunk and grease, Darrell was able to get the clock performing "better than a Rolex watch." Unfortunately, not all of Darrell's photos could be displayed but a couple of these are below, showing Darrell's work with the GPO clock both outside and inside, the stairway and mechanism.

Below on the left is a view of the Adelaide Oval clock and on the right the Yalumba clock which Darrell has worked on. It was good to have Steve Kaesler join us also for the evening. Amanda thanked Aub and Darrell for all the work they put into preparation.





## Our Signature Project

Our Emergency Frozen Meals project was entered in the KI Signature Project competition back in January and was selected by the Australia District Board as one of our two entries from this district. Recently we learnt we didn't win a prize but the following came from Elisabeth Warren KI Director of Programs: Hello!

Thank you so much for taking part in the 2026 Signature Project Contest. We were truly inspired by the passion, creativity, and commitment reflected in this year's submissions. With a record-breaking **590 entries from 46 districts**, this contest showcased the incredible reach and impact of Kiwanis clubs around the world.

A few highlights that help tell this remarkable story:

- Of the 590 entries, **308 were from Group I clubs** (27 or fewer members) and **282 were from Group II clubs** (28 or more members).
- The largest number of entries came from clubs with **10–19 members (158)**, closely followed by clubs with **20–29 members (152)**.
- **Fourteen clubs submitted two unique projects**, and **two clubs submitted three**.
- **464 projects were service-focused**, while **126 were fundraisers**.
- **499 clubs reported gaining 0–9 new members** as a result of their project, and **59 clubs gained 10–19 new members**.
- Collectively, clubs reported that **1,040,769 children were positively impacted or served** through their signature projects.
- Together, these projects represent an incredible **8,358 years of service**, with our longest-running signature project marking **100 years** of continuous impact.

We are deeply grateful for the meaningful service you provide and the difference you continue to make in your communities—especially for children. Your dedication embodies the very spirit of Kiwanis, and we are honoured to celebrate it with you.

With sincere appreciation,  
Elisabeth Warren

# Emergency Frozen Meals Report



We have done approximately 90 enjoyable hours of volunteering for April.

We have received donations from various Kiwanis members, St Petri's shed happens, Food Bank, Barossa Fresh, Vegi Lyn (who drops off vegetables each Monday), Eudunda community & District Op Shop. and Maggie Beer.

Blessings,  
Geoff and Lyn Hansen  
EFM Coordinators.

PS 483 meals were delivered in April. Many thanks Geoff, Lyn, Chris R., Lorna and Louise,

and Mary.

## Lorna's Fundraising Report

After our super busy start it was good to slow down a bit, and regroup.

**April 5 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA** - Thanks to Carole, Bill, Amanda and Lorna, cos that was a busy one. \$457

**April 23 - FUNERAL WAKE** \$341

**April 25 - DRIVER REVIVER** - Belinda, Sam, Linda, Lorna - a very interesting, chatty, morning.

Especially when Sam's son Zac arrived with a bunch of flowers for her volunteering!

(it's always great to see the bond in families)

**April 27 - DRIVER REVIVER**

**May 1 - FUNERAL WAKE** \$717

**May 3 - CARS COFFEE BAROSSA**  
- Rob v, Rory, Amanda, Lorna. (a cold windy morning) \$251.40

**May 3 - RECHNER COTTAGE - REUNION**

- Marianne, Mary, Lyn, Geoff, Mike, Des, Lorna \$632.55



I always appreciate the time / energy given by all the above helpers, as well as raising funds for children, it's the fellowship we enjoy along the way, thank you!!

Looking forward -

**MAY 30 - BAROSSA DISTRICT FOOTBALL GATES**

**JUNE 7 - CARS COFFEE**

BAROSSA - Rob v, Anne, Tom, one more person needed please.

Looking forward to seeing you all again, cheers Lorna



## Volunteer Hours for April

April 5 - Cars Coffee Barossa	11h	4p	\$457.00
April 23 - Marananga Funeral Wake	9	2	\$341.17
April 25 - Driver Reviver	8	4	
April 27 - " "	4	2	

cheers Lorna

## From District Governor Steve Hughes

- Kiwanis Australia District Convention will be held at Rydges Sydney Central Hotel on Fri 21st to Sun 23rd August 2026. The registration form and other details will be sent to all members this week. Come by train, plane or car and do some sightseeing of Sydney while there. We'd love to see all clubs represented. We are also looking for a club or division to run the 2027 District Convention.
- Club Officer Elections – Your club elections are due in April/May. I implore each club to appoint a nominations officer to approach new candidates to stand for executive and board positions personally, and ask them if they would be willing to stand. Please assure them they will have the support of more experienced members to personally develop.



## Other News

The Board was overwhelmed recently by the news that Rostrevor Campbelltown Club has donated \$1000 to assist Jess Morrison after losing her husband in an accident and her children Will and Estelle suffering major injuries in the crash. It was a beautiful reminder of how important the Kiwanis

family can be. Rostrevor Campbelltown was the club which sponsored the formation of our Club, forty years ago so we are in their debt.

Our Club has also donated a similar amount. Estelle is now living with Neil and Karen Lambert, her grandparents, while Jess remains in Adelaide with Will while he continues treatment in the WCH. It was pleasing to hear that Jess and Will are being accommodated at Ronald MacDonald House, another children's facility we have supported. Alexa Schiller from RMH will drop in soon to one of our meetings to give us an update on how things are going. It was sad to hear about the resignations of Marg and Brian from the Club. Marg gave so much to the role of President and Brian was always willing to help. They have just so much on their plate with family commitments but, of course, family comes first.

## What's coming up?

<b>Thursday May 28</b>	<b>Glen tells the story of the Schulz family</b>
<b>Monday June 1</b>	<b>Board meeting: Hanson's 29 Maple St</b>
<b>Thursday June 11</b>	<b>Father My Tran shares his life story</b>
<b>Thursday June 25</b>	<b>Story telling session</b>
<b>Monday July 6?</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday July 9</b>	<b>Tom's winter Olympics</b>
<b>Thursday July 23</b>	<b>Tim Kroehn and Father's Farm</b>

## Sherryl's Caring Corner for April

**Special events for May are:**

### **Birthdays**

- **May 6** Emeile
- **May 13** Dennis Noack
- **May 17** Brian Harris

### **Wedding anniversaries**

- **May 16** Mary and Peter Mattner
- **May 30** Glen and Chris Schulz

### **Membership**

- **May 18** Rob Van der Wijngaart
- **May 19** Tom and Anne Stone
- **May 19** Jason Balk

**Just a reminder that regular dinner meetings are held every second and fourth Thursday of each month - 6.30 for 7.00 pm at the Vine Inn, Murray St, Nuriootpa. If you can't attend a dinner meeting, please let Chris and Ev know, either by email – [ejleske@internode.on.net](mailto:ejleske@internode.on.net) or mobile for calls and texts 0428337132. This helps our hosts, the Vine Inn, with their catering.**

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